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GEORGIA DOT SUSPENDS CONSTRUCTION-RELATED LANE CLOSURES IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA FOR MEMORIAL HOLIDAY

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation will scale back its construction projects across northeast Georgia – suspending construction-related lane closures on all interstate and major state system highways to ease Memorial Day weekend traffic congestion. Beginning at noon on Friday, May 27, and extending to 5 a.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2016, there essentially will be no construction-related scheduled lane closures on any Georgia interstate highway or primary state route.

“We hope this suspension of major construction work will allow motorists to get to and from their holiday destinations with less congestion and less aggravation,” said Brent Cook, district engineer at the DOT office in Gainesville. “We understand that a lot of people are hitting the road for Memorial Day, the first holiday of the summer travel season, and we would like to make it a little easier for them to go through Northwest Georgia”.

The Department notes that some work may continue on lesser-traveled state and local system roads and that incident or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

*Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators to 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit 511ga.org. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov) ; You also may like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).*

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